
Appropriate Business Casual Attire

Business casual wear isn't as formal as the classic full business suit, but it still renders a business-like impression. This style is a more relaxed approach to the standard business attire and encourages creative freedom. It's mostly about mixing formal and less formal garments to create a look of semi-formality that will be suitable and respectable for the office but not offensively casual. **Don't let yourself be fooled by the "casual" side of it as this style is still more business and less casual.** As such, business casual means no shorts, no Hawaiian shirts, no sandals or open-toed shoes, and preferably, no jeans unless they are really nice, dark, and have no holes.

Below is a quick guide of acceptable garments:

- Slacks or business dress pants, khakis, chinos, knee-length skirts, dark jeans without holes
- Button-down shirts, sweaters, blouses, henleys or polo shirts
- Knee-length or maxi dresses
- Optional cardigans, blazers or sport coats
- Closed-toed shoes such as loafers, Oxfords, boots, pumps or flats
- Simple, professional accessories such as scarves, belts or simple jewelry

Visual examples:

